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Geo. Bracher Senior of Salisbury to his son Geo. Bracher Jnr in Mauritius.

11th May 1848
Guilders Land [*Lane*]
Salisbury

My dear George,

I received your letter dated Swan River September 12th 1846 and your sister Fanny received one from your wife of the same date, and I am now in receipt of another letter from you dated Mauritius, Port Louis Decr 7th 1847, this latter one we had been long expecting as you said in your former one that we were not to write to you until we should again hear from you and from the length of time that had elapsed I was very uneasy and most anxious to get intelligence from you and it gave us great pleasure to find you were well and it would have added exceedingly to my satisfaction to have heard that you were more comfortably settled and that your wife and child had been with you but I am still thankful that you appear to be in the way for obtaining the necessaries [*sic*] of life and that your wife will soon join you. We had been for some months up to the time of receiving your last letter expecting to see you as I thought the tenor of your first letter seemed strongly to indicate your intention to return to England. I am however not surprised that you did not come as we have been visited with most severe financial difficulties in the country and at the present moment from the great and extraordinary revolutions in France and the whole of (2) the Continent of Europe it is impossible to say when the turmoil will end and England hitherto has not been implicated but we cannot say how soon it will be her turn to take a part in the matter. It is of the utmost importance to such a tax burthened nation as this that no addition to its weight should be addressed and I believe nothing but a conviction of our being deprived directly or indirectly of a position that now gives us power will make England go to war, the trade of this country appears to be suffering considerably from the past eventful state of things and what with the immense failures last year and the present want of confidence in money matters I can assure you

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it is, difficult to determine how long we are to enjoy even the present lull of things for should we receive another such a blow in the money market that we experienced last fall, I hardly know who will stand up against it; added to which the very large liabilities that parties are under from the Railways makes everything seem questionable as to the future – thus much for financial matters and now Dear George – you are married and honorably [*sic*] dignified Father and as you say I am Grandfather such a title does not imply much youthfulness in me and as I am now in my 54th year I don't flatter

myself with ever showing much more elasticity of action as (3) to betray myself that I am not going down the hill of life

(Mostly religious observations until the second half of page 4) HMW

..... Your Mother is not strong in health but she is at present much as usual. Emma your second sister has very delicate health and is nearly deprived of sight, she is very small in stature not having grown since her 14th birthday, we are now trying the Homeopathy treatment with her and I trust she may find benefit but her complaint is of so long standing that I very much doubt that any benefit will be received, she will be very much pleased to hear from you. Yr sister Fanny is very well, she is staying at present in Bath and from thence she goes to see her Aunt Lucy at Wimanton [Wincanton?] and after staying at Mrs Loaders at Bornton (?) she will return home.

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Folded 'cover' addressed to:

Mr Geo. Bracher
Port Louis
Mauritius

Via Southampton

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..... and after a few months I believe she is to be married to Mr George Loader of Winterbourne Stoke about 8 miles from us I don't think you know him but I dare say you remember my talking of his mother an old acquaintance of mine and our family. We shall much miss her when she leaves us but I suppose it must be so. John is still with me at the bank. Nathan is with Mr Fisher an architect of this city and Jethro is at Queenwood College about 12 miles from here they are all well and very good boys. I believe John will write to you per this post, the whole family feel very kindly toward you and would have given you had you come home a very hearty welcome. We have not received any letter or package from your wife I suppose poor dear woman she has had too much care and anxiety in your absence to attend to anything but her own and her child's needs. I very often think of you all and would fain think of one day or other seeing you but whether it be so or not the same God is with us and if we seek wisdom from him he will direct our steps and comfort our hearts although we may reside far from each other. God is immutable and therefore to seek out his ways and his presence & to be found walking with him is a high privilege [sic] than to be even

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with our own family and relatives without him when you write to me again tell us if your wife has any friends or relatives left in England so that we may have the chance of hearing of you through them if your wife should correspond at all with them. I suppose the opportunity of sending letters to and from the Mauritius will be much more fequent than from the Swan, and I hope you and your wife will not let them escape without

embracing them and you shall have always a return for it. Your Uncle Aunt and family are living in Salisbury that is to say the two youngest Adelaide & William. Sophie and Mary you are aware are married the former has no child, the latter has four and from the failure of her Husband is obliged to seek refuge with the children to her Father's home. Sophia and her husband are doing well in a large Farm. The Stokes family are now much scattered in business Fanny the eldest daughter and George who was with Frank at Sherbourne living at home but all the family are prosperous in business. It is pretty generally considered now that the Agricultural interest in this country will soon have to undergo the test of the

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free trade measures adopted by the Government indeed the pressure that the manufacturing interest has undergone will necessarily lead to it, the Chartists about a month since made a strong move to compel the government to adopt universal suffrage the Ballot (damaged) but it was a complete failure. However I have no doubt that an extension of the suffrage must soon take place as a matter of policy as well as justice. for my own part I have given up politics believing that God will in his own time punish the oppressor and render to the oppressed that which is good for him to possess. Man will not forever infringe his (torn out) divine law without a visible demonstration being made by God of the injustice being done indeed if we scrupulously observe God's dealings with nations as well as individuals it will be readily discovered that the real blessings of praise always are with those that work quietly and humbly with God. I find my paper is nearly run out and therefore with our united love to you, your Wife & child believe me your very affectionate

Father
G. Bracher

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